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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: MUR 6980 (Samuel K. Pate, Jr.) - Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

Attached is a revised conciliation agreement by which Samuel K. Pate, Jr. ("Respondent") seeks to resolve knowing and willful violations of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(b)(3) and 30114 in connection with converting campaign funds to personal use and commingling campaign funds with personal funds.¹ Attach 1.

¹ On October 27, 2015, the Commission found reason to believe as to Respondent and assigned three committees affected by the embezzlement to the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR"). In March 2016 the Commission approved settlement agreements with each committee. See McConnell Senate Committee (RR 15L-03/ADR 784); House Conservatives Fund (RR 15L-12/ADR 785); and David Vitter for US Senate (RR 15L-16/ADR 786).

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4 We believe the attached conciliation agreement represents a reasonable settlement under
5 the circumstances. Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the attached signed
6 conciliation agreement with Respondent Samuel K. Pate, Jr., approve the appropriate letter, and
7 close the file.
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9 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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11 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Samuel K. Pate, Jr.
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13 2. Approve the appropriate letter.
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15 3. Close the file.
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